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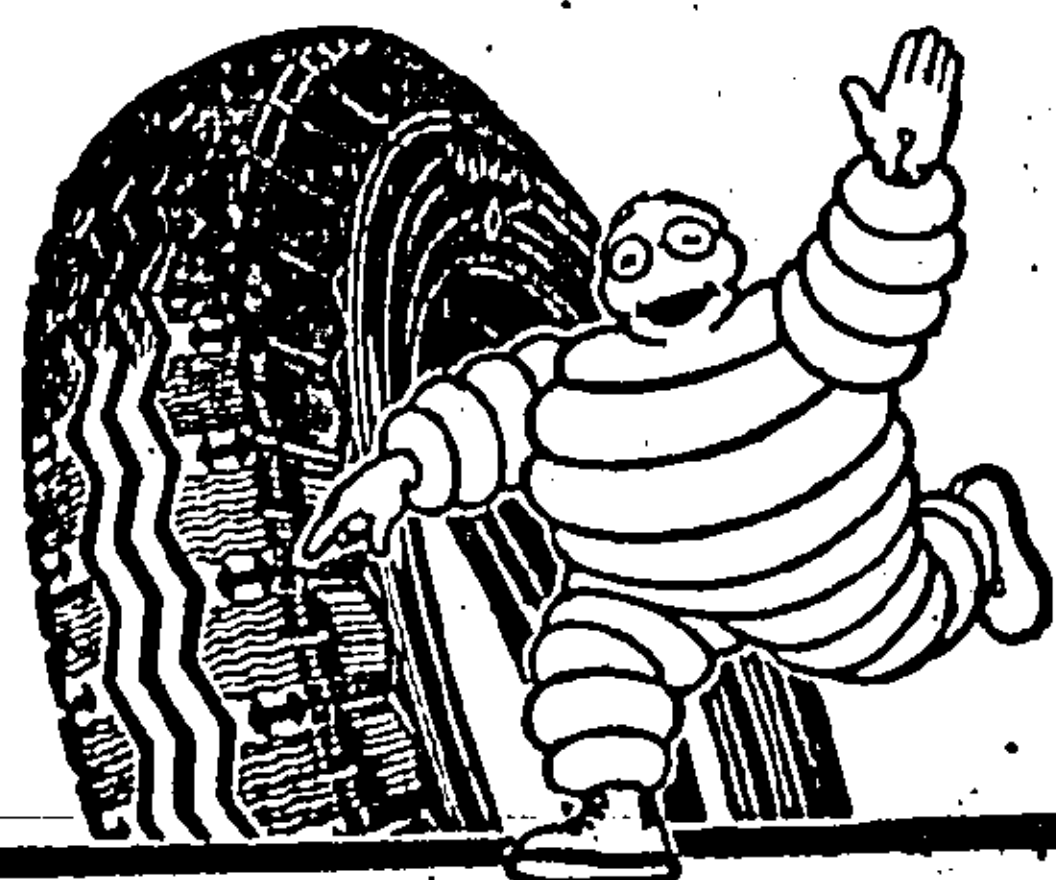
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MR. M. K. LO

Delay in Approval Of
Housing Schemes

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo congratulated the Financial Secretary on his "clear and masterly handling and exposition of the Colony's finances," and said the sound and conservative way in which the Budget had been framed would receive whole-hearted support.

Mr. Lo referred to two well-known innovations—the final review of the estimates for the Unofficials before the Budget was introduced, and the Governor's review.

The public were "greatly disappointed" with the "intolerable delay" in connection with applications for approval of housing schemes. For months on end no reply could be given to the Government. The delay was resented and Government should take steps to remove its cause.

Referring to education, Mr. Lo said the question of new schemes was grave and pressing. The Education Board had discussed the question of accommodating more scholars in each of the primary schools for the poor, and he had every hope that the result would not be unfruitful.

Mr. Lo put forward a suggestion for the urgent treatment of acute and infective cases of tuberculosis.

He suggested that small bungalows be erected in certain places within reach of Hong Kong by air to which clinics local patients could be sent to effect a permanent cure.

Cost Of Civil Service

The speaker assured Government that the Unofficials' support in strengthening relations with China.

Mr. Lo criticised the Personal Emoluments of the Civil Service. The total bill for the current year, he said, was some 73 million; in 1936/37, it was just over 14 million.

Until the public were satisfied that all proper retrenchment in personnel had been effected, any suggestion of increased taxation could not be expected to evoke any ready response.

Mr. Lo referred to the "unsatisfactory and depressing" statement of the Financial Secretary regarding the outstanding alleged liability of the Colony in respect of the amount expended in London on the "Volunteers' repatriation passages, relief payments etc."

As soon as the Unofficials' members heard of this matter, they made it quite plain to Government, and I now repeat categorically, that we would not agree to regard as a liability of the Colony war expenditure sanctioned by the Imperial Government in relation to the Colony as a unit of the Empire.

It is intolerable that on account of a liability which we repudiate the Colony remains subject to Treasury control.

Treasury control meant that if the Colony could not pay a bill without the Treasury's prior approval. It was imposed because when Civil Government resumed it had no funds of its own and had to rely on advances from the Treasury.

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Inquiry Sought On
S.T. And I.

The Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau criticised the educational policy of the Government, referring to the annual grant of \$1,500,000 and the special building grant of \$4,000,000 to the University as putting the cart before the horse.

"If a large proportion of this amount could be made immediately available for rehabilitating existing schools and building new ones, it would go a long way towards solving the problem of the 30,000 to 100,000 children who are without any education at all."

Government should build and staff essential schools before carrying out the proposed large-scale rehabilitation to an organisation which, however admirable in its purpose, caters for such a small proportion of the community."

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Water Costs

On the revenue side of the Estimates, Dr. Chau referred to the \$5,000,000 expected from water consumers as an excessive charge for an absolute necessity, and urged that no more than the expense of maintenance could be regarded as a legitimate charge.

The Hon. Member also expressed the view that the policy of Government should be to reduce expenditure rather than increase the already heavy taxation to meet the rising cost of government. "A wise policy would seem to be to permit the Colony to continue its reconstruction work without upsetting its equilibrium by undue interference."

MR. D'ALMADA

Playgrounds for Children

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro said he was in agreement with Mr. Landale on the subject of land sale allocation, and with Dr. S. N. Chau's call for an enquiry into charges of favouritism in the S.T. & I.

Humours had been current during recent months of certain personnel having reentered their own nests and that employment in the S.T. & I was the most lucrative for ill-gain. These could not be dismissed as "mere rumours."

Mr. D'Almada said he had three targets of his own. They were children's playgrounds for Kowloon, improvement of Kowloon's highways, and retrenchment in Government expenditure.

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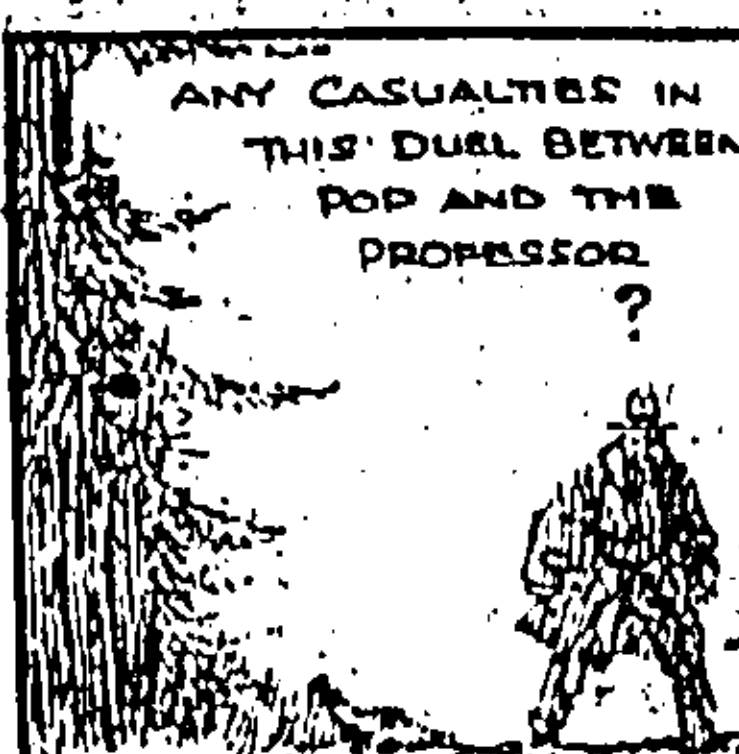
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JET PLANES IN MALAYA

Hundreds of Chinese, Malays and Indians saw their first Vampire jet fighter recently. It was one of the Mark III models now undergoing tests in Singapore to determine how performance is affected by tropical conditions. It was demonstrated at an airshow near Singapore by Flight Lieutenant J. W. Wilson of Pulborough, Sussex, and the Royal Air Force Central Fighter Establishment, R.A.F. West Raynham, Norfolk. His display of high-speed aerobatics held the cosmopolitan audience spellbound.

Honourable Member has to prepare his next Budget.

"The Honourable Member stated that it sounded a little odd that he is forecasting that after 1950/51 Special Expenditure would be met from current revenue when only a third of the loan issue has been made. On reading his further remarks the oddity seems to me to remain apparent, unless his suggestion is that rather than pay interest charges it is better to pay out of current revenue."

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Just a matter of seconds!



15-YEAR-OLD A "BAD EGG"

Although only 15 years of age, Wong On is such a "bad egg" that the local Magistrates have given up treating him as a juvenile. On Oct. 9 last, he was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended to be banished for his fourth "larceny from the person" offence. He was banished for life on Feb. 3 this year but was arrested on Easter Sunday by PC 912 at Pitt Street near Reclamation Street on suspicion of being a returned banished.

Inquiries revealed that he was a member of the Chuen Kung Triad Society. Reference to the files brought to light that he was an "old friend" of the Police.

When Wong pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to charges of being a member of an unlawful society and a breach of the deportation order, Inspector J. Orem gave the Court a history of defendant's criminal career.

On May 15 last accused had a finding of "guilty" returned against him in the Juvenile Court on the complaint of larceny from the person; he was ordered to receive six strokes of the cane and to be expelled from the Colony.

Thirteen days later he was again in the Juvenile Court for larceny from the person on a breach of the expulsion order. This time he got 12 strokes and was ordered re-expelled.

The same order was made against him in the Juvenile Court on June 19 for breach of expulsion order.

He made his fourth appearance in the Juvenile Court eight days later, for larceny from the person, and was sent to the Reformatory for two years.

Mr. Bringer, who resided in Shanghai since 1924, in 1946 he went on home leave, spending most part of last year travelling in Europe. On the 20th inst. he departed from London by ship via New York on his return trip to Shanghai, but a few days passed away.

Mr

KOWLOON OPIUM CASES Long List At Magistracy

A Naive Excuse

"He was asleep and I was awake, so I took the watch," was the naive excuse, given by Lung Fat-yan (26) when asked by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday what he had to say to a charge of larceny of a pocket watch from Yu Lau, 20-year-old merchant of 89, Matauwal Road, second floor, on March 27.

"Can you keep what you find in your village?" asked the Magistrate. "Yes," replied defendant. "In my village (Chu Lan in the Ho Lung district) we could keep the things we picked up." "I would sure like to be in your village," smilingly replied Mr. Latimer, who added, however, "But you can't do it here! Three months' hard labour!"

According to Inspector J. Orem, defendant and Yu were fellow-passengers of the motor junk "Hung On" from San Mei to Hong Kong. Shortly after midnight on March 27, Yu went to sleep with the watch in his right upper jacket pocket. He awoke at 4 a.m. and found the watch gone.

Got Money By Fraud

Pleading guilty to obtaining various sums of money from firms by fraud, Chung Wah Ki, 25, advertising agent, was sentenced to two years' hard labour by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

The prosecution alleged that defendant collected sums of \$10 and \$36 from various firms in Kowloon, purporting to be subscriptions for the "Chung Yung Evening News."

The victims, not receiving their papers, made enquiries. The police were informed and defendant located and charged.

Defendant merely pleaded for leniency. He had a previous conviction for possession of arms. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

"These cases appear to be making a re-appearance," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to Court Inspector J. S. Howarth when Wong Sang (49) appeared on remand charged with keeping an opium divan at 547 Shanghai Street, first floor; keeping a heroin divan at the same address; possession of 1.5 mace prepared opium and 304 heroin pills; and possession of four opium and 12 heroin pipes, on March 20.

The premises were raided by Revenue Officer D. Knox (who prosecuted) at 10.30 p.m. on March 20, when only the accused was found on the floor.

On the opium divan charge, defendant was fined \$600 (or three months' hard labour). A consecutive sentence of a year's hard labour was passed on the heroin divan count. Accused was cautioned on the possession of prepared opium and pipes charges, and sentenced to a concurrent term of six months' hard labour for possession of 304 heroin pills.

Tsang Tse (43) was fined \$250 (or three months' hard labour) and sentenced to a further 12 months' hard labour when he pleaded guilty to the charges of possession of prepared opium and 134 heroin pills, four opium and four heroin pipes, and keeping an opium divan at 209 Reclamation Street, first floor, on March 20.

On the additional charge, preferred by Inspector J. Orem, of breach of expulsion order, defendant was recommended to be deported.

Revenue Officer D. Knox, prosecuting, said the premises were raided by Senior Revenue Officer Tuck at 10.30 p.m. on March 20. Defendant and eight smokers (who were fined \$20 each on March 21) were arrested.

Two raids conducted by Sub-Inspector Hadden on March 20 resulted in the arrest of two keepers and eight smokers found in opium divans.

Chung Wing (40), pleading guilty to keeping a divan at 102 Yu Chau Street, first floor, and to possession of two vials of opium, was fined \$150 (or seven weeks' simple imprisonment) by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr.

The eight smokers arrested by S.I. Hadden in the raid at 10.30 p.m. were fined \$20 each, while the five pipes and five lamps seized were ordered to be destroyed.

In the other raid, at 1.05 p.m. at 114 Nan Chang Street, first floor, Chiu Wing (40) was found in possession of 1.8 mace of prepared opium and five heroin pipes.

He was fined \$350 (or two months' hard labour) for keeping an opium divan and a further six months' hard labour for possession of the heroin pipes.

In another case of keeping an opium divan and possession of prepared opium, Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth told the Court that Inspector F. Roberts raided 68 Ho Pa Village, Tsau Wan, at 8.30 p.m. on March 25 and arrested Tsang Hol (40) admitted being the keeper of the divan.

Tsang was fined \$125 (or seven weeks' simple imprisonment), and his eight smokers \$20 each. Two lamps and two pipes were seized.

When Ho Kwok-fan (34), travelling trader, was searched at the Yumail Railway Station at 9.45 p.m. on March 26, said Revenue Officer Knox, 15 tials of raw opium was found hidden inside the shoes he was wearing.

Defendant was fined \$1,500 (or nine months' hard labour) by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Hidden in Shoes
Three other men were found to have used their shoes as the hiding places for the opium which they admitted to smuggle into the Colony.

Chan Lau-sheung (32) had 8.5 tials when he was searched by RO 59 at the K.C.R. Station at 7.30 p.m. on March 26. He was fined \$550 (or three months' hard labour) by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Lau Fon (22), described as a student, was fined \$1,600 (or seven months' hard labour) when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Latimer to possession of 16 tials of raw opium (found by RO 75 concealed in the shoes he was wearing) at 10 p.m. on March 27 at the K.C.R. Station.

Argument In Bribe Case

An argument as to whether or not counsel could, in re-examination, touch on points not brought out in cross-examination was a feature of the fish-control bribery case before Mr. A. J. Clifford, Central Magistracy, yesterday.

Chan Koon-hau, Kwok Muk-hoi, Li Ki-man and Cho Wo-hin are charged with conspiracy and bribery. First accused is being represented by Mr. E. A. Bernacchi and the remainder by Mr. J. C. Stewart. S. P. Shahtain is conducting the prosecution.

Mr. Bernacchi objected when Mr. Shahtain commenced to re-examine a witness on points he had not touched on in his cross-examination.

Mr. Clifford was of the opinion that Mr. Bernacchi's contention was incorrect, but in view of the tenacity of the hour further argument was held over and the case adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today.

NEW ORDINANCE

The Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Ordinance, to clamp down on the traffic in Hong Kong birth certificates (which was introduced in Legislative Council at the previous session) passed into law yesterday.

Council yesterday also approved amendments made by the Urban Council on March 16 under section 4 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance 1935.

PRISONER'S LEAP FROM BUS

The bold bid for liberty made by a handcuffed prisoner in the afternoon of March 6, resulting in his being shot in the leg and buttock and consequent hospitalisation, was recalled in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court yesterday by Det-Inspector Hemsley when Chan Po-tong (20) was charged with loitering, escaping from custody, and breach of deportation order.

Returning from Hong Kong, the constable and his handcuffed prisoner, boarded a No. 1 route bus on the way to the Kowloon Magistracy. As the bus neared the Hap Hong Road stop, accused (said Det-Ins. Hemsley) struck the constable on the chest with his fists and jumped off the vehicle.

He ran down the lane at the back of Hap Hong Road, chased by the constable who warned him that unless he stopped he would open fire.

As the prisoner continued running, the constable opened fire twice and hit accused on the leg and the left side of the buttock. Defendant fell and was sent to Kowloon Hospital on the arrival of Det-Inspector Hemsley.

He was banished for life on Nov. 25 last, concluded the prosecuting officer.

Castle Peak Drowning

A verdict of "death by misadventure" was returned by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday at the conclusion of an inquest on Li Fook-lin, 24, who was found drowned on March 11.

The deceased (said Sub-Inspector Watson) was one of five workmen who were with their foreman (Chan Chi-ching) on a raft, loaded with 11 large pieces of rock, which capsized about 700 feet from the shore at Castle Peak.

There was a high wind and a rough sea at the time. When the survivors reached the shore and found deceased missing, they made a report to the Castle Peak Police Station. The body was recovered the following day.

Used Wrong Season

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Cheung Lang-kwan, 21 when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. A. J. Clifford on a charge of using a monthly ticket issued by the Transport Co., which did not belong to him.

Ins. Brownrigg said that defendant boarded tram No. 102 and when asked to pay his fare produced a monthly ticket, 0081. Asked if the ticket was his, he admitted it belonged to his master.

Cheung King, 30-year-old coolie, was fined \$10 with the option of serving five days' hard labour when he pleaded "Guilty" to a charge of evading payment of his tram fare of 10 cents.

Safety Measures At Hong Kong Wharves

Safety measures recommended by the Director of Marine, Mr. Jolly, to eradicate the "fire menace" to the travelling public following the inquiry into the "Kwong Tung Disaster" (which claimed 70 lives, drowned and burned alive, on Jan. 31) will be in operation at local wharves from April 10, 1948, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

At a meeting last Thursday of shipping representatives at the Harbour Office, where the six-point recommendation was discussed, it was agreed unanimously to abide by the new regulations governing control of passenger traffic on river steamers.

Originally the date set for the enforcement was April 1, but at the conference last week it was extended to April 10 to give more time to the companies to fix up the necessary requirements. These include the erection of barriers inside the wharves, the printing of new identification cards and the wearing of "baggage coolie uniforms."

Among those attending the conference were staff members from the Hop Kwan Hong Shipping Co., Ming Sang Co., Wan Tung Co., Cheong Fung Hong, Kwong Navigation Co., Colonial Navigation Co., Chow Sang & Co., Yau Cheong Shipping Co., Wo Hing S.S. Co., John Manners Co., Wo Cheung Fat, Mollers (Hong Kong), and Wan Tung Co.

The recommendations, which were notified by letter last March 6 to the companies concerned, cover crew identification, authorization of coolies to handle passenger baggage, the boarding into the vessel of passengers, sales of tickets, restriction of personal luggage carried by hand and dangerous cargo.

Regarding the crew cards, shipping companies were given a sample card in which they were to print accordingly and distribute among their staff. Each card will bear the "chop" of the Harbour authority.

Coolies must wear "red uniforms" bearing the name of the wharf and the number of the coolie. These authorized employees will handle passenger luggage between the ship and the entrance to the wharf.

Another barrier is being erected inside each wharf where all passengers will congregate one hour before the scheduled sailing time. From there they will board the vessel, instead of the usual procedure of allowing passengers to "choose the best place" hours before the vessel is due to leave.

The barrier will take about a week to finish, and work is already under way in all the wharves.

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A Prima Facie Case

A finding that "deceased died of internal haemorrhage resulting from multiple injuries received from being knocked down by a motor car driven by Lei Muk-wah," and that there was a "prima facie case of driving without due care and attention which calls for an explanation," was returned by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday at the inquest on Li Kwai, 32, tricycle driver.

According to Dr. Au Wai-man, deceased was admitted to Kowloon Hospital at 3.20 p.m. on March 22 and died at 5.45 p.m. without regaining consciousness. A post-mortem on the following afternoon revealed numerous injuries in the head, abdomen, chest, buttocks, thighs and legs.

Tsang Man, 19, who was pushing the tricycle with deceased at the time of the accident, said that while about 80 feet from the junction of Waterloo Road with Argyle Street, a car, driven by Lei, "suddenly came up from behind and knocked against the tricycle, sending it over on its left side and dragging deceased for about ten feet."

The tricycle was loaded with 500 catties of salt but was not very heavy to push. The car driver did not sound his horn, alleged witness.

Div-Inspector J. Serim (Kowloon Traffic Office) watched the proceedings on behalf of the Police. Lei Muk-wah appeared in person and elected to make no statement other than the one made to the Police at the time of the accident.

A talk on "Modern application of Radar" will be given by Mr. Goudie at the Kowloon Rotary Club on Friday at the Peninsula Hotel.



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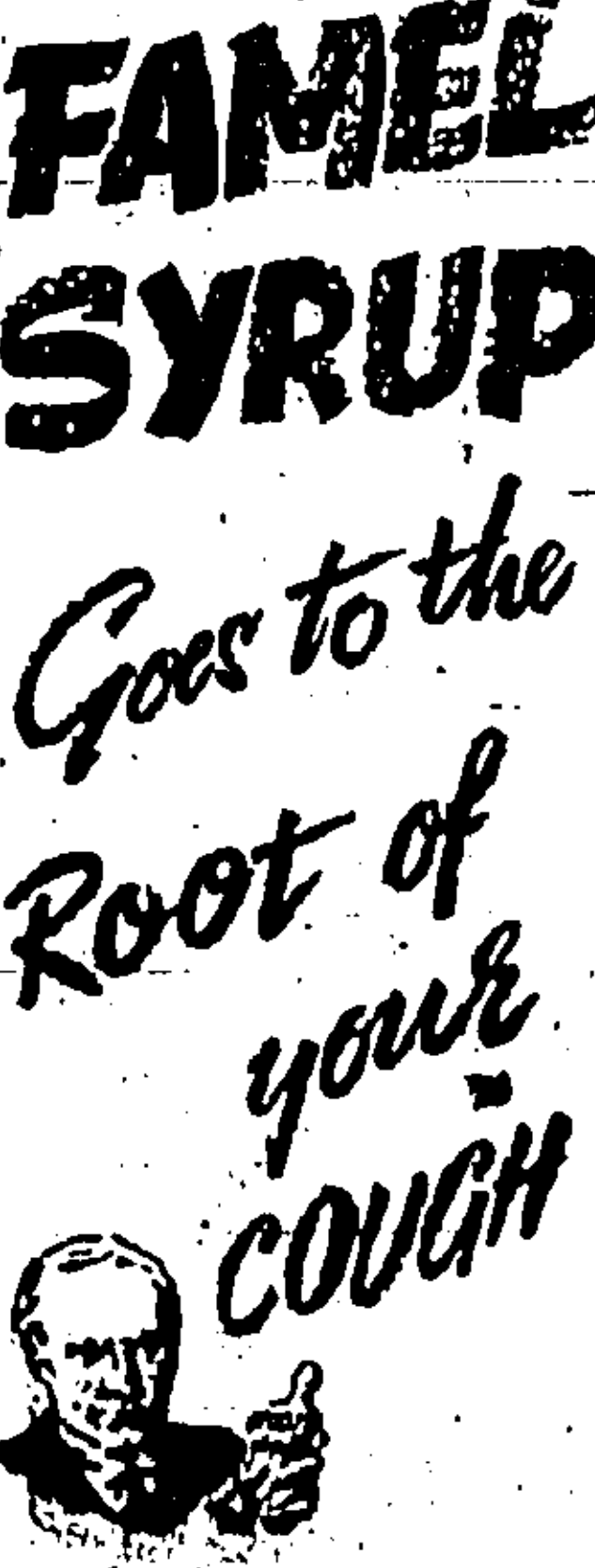


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2nd April; also at Queen's
Building, Connaught Road cen-
tral, on the 29th 30th and
31st March and 1st April.

New tickets (for passengers
not holding a ticket for the
present month) can be obtain-
ed at the Traffic Office only
from 31st March.

V. WALKER
Acting General Manager

POLICE NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that
the Gas Main in Western Street
is now under repair and West-
ern Street between Des Voeux
Road and Queen's Road will be
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-fifth Ordinary
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will be held at the offices of the
Undersigned on Friday, the 2nd
April, 1948, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report
of the General Managers to-
gether with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended 31st
December, 1947.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 19th March to the
2nd April, 1948, both days in-
clusive.

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Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1948.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Fourteenth Ordinary
General Meeting of Share-
holders will be held at the Regis-
tered Offices of the Company,
King's Theatre Building, 5th
floor, on Wednesday, the 31st
day of March, 1948, at 12
o'clock noon, to receive the
Directors' Report and Accounts
as at 31st December, 1947, to
elect Directors and Auditors
and to transact such other
business as may be properly
transacted at an Ordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Register and
transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
23rd to the 31st day of March,
1948 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1948.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Forty-eighth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Share-
holders in the Company will be
held at the Company's Office,
Windsor House, Mezzanine
Floor, Hong Kong, on Thursday
15th April, 1948, at 11 A.M.
for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors
together with Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December, 1947, to
sanction the declaration of a
Dividend and Bonus and to re-
elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
1st April, 1948, to 15th April,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1948.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the FIFTY-SIXTH OR-
DINARY GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the
Offices of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WED-
NESDAY, 31st April, 1948, at
NOON for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Direc-
tors together with the State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1947,
to elect Directors and to appoint
Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES
of the Company will be closed
from WEDNESDAY, 7th April,
1948, to WEDNESDAY, 31st
April, 1948, both days inclusive,
during which period no trans-
fer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
B. C. FIELD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th March, 1948.

U.S. "CONSCRIPTION" URGED Means Of Achieving "Lasting Peace"

Washington, Mar. 30.

Bernard Baruch today urged prompt enactment of
universal military training and selective ser-
vice legislation as a means of achieving "the
stability in the world which lasting peace re-
quires."

The financier and Presidential adviser said: "The
greatest single necessity in the world today is
for America to make up its mind where it
stands so that the other free peoples on earth
know where to rally."

Baruch called also for an "economic mobilisation plan" and said America's failure to muster all its resources now

for peace would leave no al-
ternative but to mobilise for
war in the future.

Testifying before the Senate
Armed Services Committee,
Baruch urged the appoint-
ment of someone to "watch the
impact upon our economy of the
partial mobilisation we are enter-
ing upon and to maintain a con-
stant inventory, balancing all our
growing commitments against
our resources."

Stop Russia

Before Baruch spoke, Chair-
man J. C. Gurney declared his
Armed Services Committee
must conclude hearings on
military phases of President
Truman's Stop Russia pro-
gramme by the end of the
week.
The South Dakota Republican's
committee is considering tem-
porary revival of the wartime
draft, permanent universal mili-
tary training and immediate ex-
pansion of the peacetime strength
of the armed forces at a cost of
\$553,440 million.
Baruch told the Committee:

Never Again

"So terrible are the destructive
potentialities of modern instru-
mentalities of war, it is no long-
er good enough to punish an ag-
gressor after he has begun a
war. Preventing war requires
outlasting our nation's security
before the brush is upon us.
Never again do we dare permit
our own lack of preparedness to
encourage any potential aggres-
sor into attacking this country or
into over-running other peaceful
nations."

He said "In whatever we
undertake, we must be guided
by the necessity of not wreck-
ing ourselves, for that would
defeat all we attempt."

He added:
"Knowing where we stand, I
believe, would make possible re-
viewed endeavours to find some
basis of settlement with the So-
viet Union. It is my hope that
an understanding with the So-
viets may yet be attained. We
should continue striving for suc-
cess in peace-making, even while
guarding against possible failure.
Only by standing guard do we
gain time to continue seeking
peace."—Associated Press.

Struggle In Labour Movement

Athens, Mar. 30.

Mr. Irving Brown, chief
European representative of the
American Federation of Labour,
told about 1,400 Greek trade
unionists today that "the
struggle against totalitarianism
has broken wide open in the
international labour movement."
The delegates representing
1,270 Greek unions were meeting
to elect a new executive for the
Greek General Confederation of
Labour. Unions with Communist
executives were excluded from
the Congress for refusing to sign
a statement concerning the re-
bellion led by General Markos.
The British Trades Union
Council declined to send a repre-
sentative, while the World
Federation of Trades Unions
were not asked.
Mr. Elmer Cope, a representa-
tive of the American Congress of
Industrial Organisations, was un-
able to attend because of illness.
—Reuter.

PRAYDA CHARGE

London, Mar. 30.

A Pravda observer today
charged that Washington was in-
terfering in the Italian election
as though Italy were one of the
American States.

The Pravda comment, broad-
cast by Radio Moscow, accused
the United States of not only
supplying Premier Alcide de
Gasperi with arms but "prepar-
ing direct intervention."—United
Press.

Charged with possession of
arms and ammunition, armed
robbery by two or more and re-
ceiving stolen property, Leung
Kai, 32, Chung Wai, 20 and Ng
Kam Kiu, 37, married women,
were all remanded for one week
by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida yesterday
at the request of Detective In-
spector McPherson.

Peiping Student Trouble

Peiping, Mar. 29.

Police, troops and volun-
teers today barred approaches to
the Peiping National Uni-
versity as a move against
feared student demonstration.
No one was allowed through
the cordon.

Representatives of various
universities had intended to meet
there to protest against orders
for the dissolution of student
unions on the ground they were
employed by Communists to
create disorder. The orders came
from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-
shek's Headquarters in Peiping.

The authorities feared that a
student meeting, if held, would
result in virtually an anti-
Government march through the
streets.

Student trouble has been
brewing in Peiping for some
days. Four hundred students
from Tientsin, ostensibly in
Peiping on a sight-seeing tour,
made a common course with
undergraduates here.

Last night they staged a play
at the Peiping National Uni-
versity depicting the life of Lenin
and, according to all accounts, it
was enthusiastically received.—
Associated Press.

Picket Lines Outside N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, Mar. 29.

About 200 members of the
American United Financial Em-
ployees Union today began
picketing the New York Stock
Exchange.

They carried placards stating
that they were striking against
"union busting" and "for better
working conditions and higher
wages."

The United Financial Em-
ployees Union is affiliated to the
American Federation of Labour.
The picketing followed several
fruitless weeks of negotiations
for a contract between the Union
and representatives of the Stock
and Curb Exchanges, and several
Exchange member firms.
The picket lines were heavily
reinforced by members of the
Sailors' and Seamen's Union.
Brokers, entered the Exchange,
however, and early business was
done about the usual pace.—Reu-
ter.

Siamese Plane On Inaugural Flight

An aircraft of a new Siamese Government-backed
airline, linking Bangkok and Hong Kong,
landed at Kai Tak airport yesterday afternoon
on the inaugural flight.

Operated by the Siamese Air-
ways Company, the aircraft
brought to the Colony airline
officials, including Major-
General Chai Prathipakien,
manager, and Mr. Banchari
Kanchanaphinhu, acting di-
rector of the Siamese Government
Tourist Bureau.

Regular services will begin in
the latter part of April with a
twice-weekly schedule.

Siamese Airways Company at
present operate services to
Penang, Singapore and Saigon,
as well as internal services.

The company plans to expand
to Shanghai, Manila and other
centres in the near future.

It operates 20 aircraft, the
largest being a Douglas C-47
which has been in operation one year.
At a cocktail party at the Pen-
insula Hotel yesterday afternoon
to mark the inaugural flight, the
Siamese Consul, Mr. S. Bumac,
was present.

Among other guests were the
director of Air Services, Mr. A.
J. R. Moss, representatives of
competing airlines, Standard
Vacuum Oil Company, and the
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GEN. CHIANG IS ANGRY

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Recalcitrant KMT Members

"Order From Me Can't Be Changed"

Nanking, Mar. 30. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek last night castigated 54 "rebel Kuomintang" members for disobeying his order given on Saturday. "The political situation in China is charged with explosives and we must rely on the support of minor parties. Therefore, in order to show your interest in the party and allegiance to me you must give up your seats", he ordered.

"I am head of this country and an order from me cannot be changed. This problem has given me sleepless nights and even though you have received the support of the people you must obey my instructions", the Generalissimo told them during a two-hour conference.

Asked the reasons for the forcible eviction of the "hunger strikers," Chiang charged they were violating public order and discipline and he admitted that the police had been sent on his instructions to clear the National Assembly.

During an interview Chiang ridiculed the "rebels" threat to "storm" the National Assembly and chided them for not taking the action they had promised. Ma Wen-chi, leader of the group, declared last night that though three of their number had promised Chiang to give up their seats to minority parties the majority were resolved to carry out their plan and he expressed confidence that the Generalissimo would reverse his decision when the American public sentiment and un-democratic elections was known in China.

New Constitution

Some outstanding provisions of the new constitution which assembly delegates swore to uphold yesterday are:

(1) Free elections to be held every sixth year of National Assembly by popular vote which will in turn elect the President and Vice-President of the Republic.

(2) The continuation of the "Five Yuan" system—the Legislative Yuan which enacts laws; the Executive Yuan composed of the Premier and Ministers of Government, who take executive action; Judicial Yuan, which serves as China's Supreme Court; the Examination Yuan, which is in effect the director of the civil service of the Government; the Control Yuan, which investigates irregularities and brings impeachment actions where necessary. Members of Legislative and Control Yuns are elected; the former by popular vote, the latter by provincial municipal councils.

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Republic Of Britain?

Southport, Mar. 29. The National Administrative Council of the Independent Labour Party, sitting in private this afternoon, accepted a resolution without discussion calling for "the abolition of the monarchy and all other forms of privilege" and the setting up of "Socialist Republican State in Britain."—Reuter.

Singapore, Mar. 29. Despatches from Lumut to-day said Sultan Abdul Perak died yesterday. He was 61. He had ruled over 1,000,000 subjects in Malaya's richest mining state since 1930.—Associated Press.

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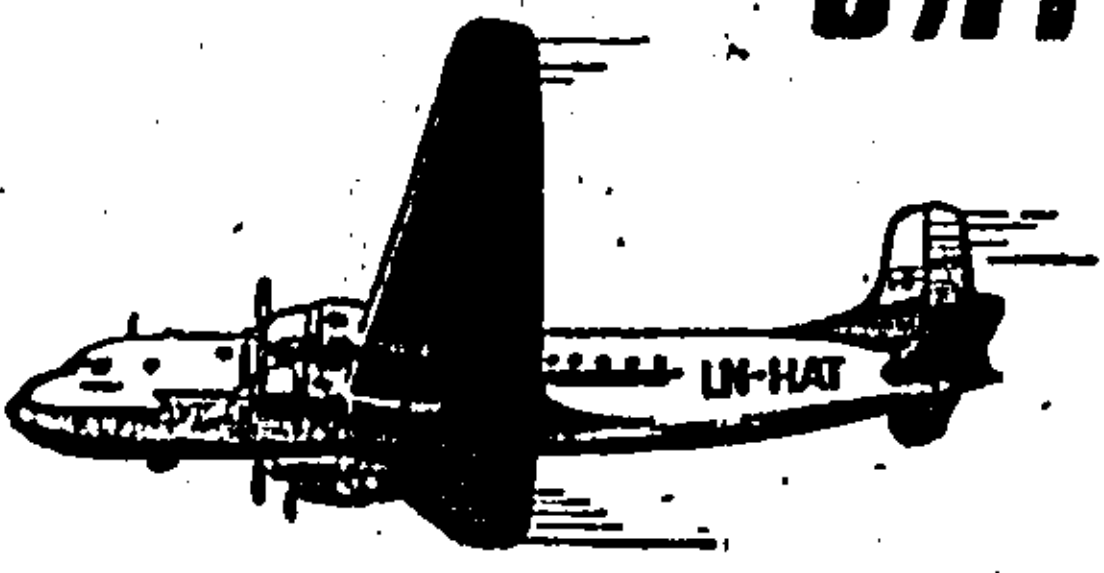
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Lend-Lease To Be Revived?

Possibly Next Stage In Truman Plan To "Contain" Soviet Expansion

SUBSTITUTE FOR CONSCRIPTION

Washington, Mar. 29.

A revival of military lend-lease to Britain and other members of the Western European Union is being discussed by officials in Washington and is one of the most frequently debated topics of leading newspaper columnists.

The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, declined last week to comment on the subject, except to say that over a considerable period of time the United States had received requests from the French Government for equipment.

Military lend-lease is regarded by some observers here as the next stage in the Truman Doctrine of "containing" Soviet expansion.

The first stage was the emergency action, beginning in March, 1947, to save Greece and Turkey from falling into the Soviet orbit.

The second stage was the Marshall Plan to prevent European nations from succumbing to Communism as a result of economic collapse.

The third stage began with the formation of the Western European Union at Brussels.

Filling Vacuum

The fourth is the rearmament of the United States through conscription and increased military equipment.

The fifth stage would be the provision of arms to Western European nations to fill the military vacuum created by the lack of equipment of the Western European armies, particularly France.

No reference to military lend-lease as such has been made in any official pronouncements, despite the widespread press discussions.

The timing of any such pronouncements is regarded here as of vital importance in view of Congressional reaction. If a military lend-lease programme were put to Congress before the conscription programme has been substantially dealt with, the lend-

lease programme might be seized on as a politically tempting substitute, making conscription unnecessary.

Bigger R.A.F.?

Much of the press speculation centres on military aid to France, which is known to have some 650,000 men available in the French forces but to be seriously short of equipment and supplies.

Officials of the French Embassy described talks of such a programme as premature until the Western European powers have had an opportunity of filling in the details of their military alliance.

One entirely unconfirmed report attributes the Department of National Defence a plan for the expansion of the Royal Air Force with the help of new American planes designed to make it the most powerful defence and striking force in Europe.—Reuter.

De Valera's Dim View

Boston, Mar. 29.

Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Prime Minister of Eire, told 10,000 people demonstrating in his honour here last night: "There is no doubt in my mind that we are going to have another war unless the nations of the world join in guaranteeing justice."

Mr. de Valera added that "we in Ireland are looking for such an organisation."—Reuter.

ADMIRAL DEAD

Menlo Park, Cal., Mar. 30.

Rear-Admiral Ernest L. Gunther, 60, wartime air force commander of the Pacific Fleet, died here today.

The veteran Navy airman led the naval air offensive in the Solomon campaign during the war. He retired less than two months ago after illness.

He served in both the world wars. He was given command of the fleet (South Pacific) air force against the Japanese in the South and Central Pacific campaigns, and was made air force commander in 1945.

Gunther was decorated with the Navy Cross, and the Legion of Merit and Companion of the Order of the Bath.—United Press.

Franco's New Slogan: "We Don't Care"

Madrid, Mar. 30.

General Francisco Franco told Spanish youth on Monday the nation is a fortress of unity and its new slogan is "we do not care" if any abroad should try to incite disunion in Spain.

He spoke to a concentration of 4,500 Falange Youth at his El Pardo palace residence and to the nation by radio.

Falange Youth, ranging from 14 to 16 years old, massed in front of the palace in tribute to Franco on the anniversary of the Civil War victory which is to be formally marked on April 1.

Franco reviewed the youths in military formation and spoke from the main balcony of the palace.

Most of the speech was devoted to an attack on the failure of the world to understand and appreciate Spain and against Russia.

"In the eclipse the world is suffering, some European countries still do not perceive dangers that we announced to the world ten years ago and the truth of our revolution," he said.

Franco was most bitter in his attack on Russia.

Referring to Spanish children evacuated to Russia during the Civil War, he added "what saddens us most is the best of our youth taken away to be educated in Communist ideals and without God."

The same thing is happening now in other countries, he said. "They are carrying off children of other peoples and towns to educate them into bad men."—Associated Press.

Occupation Currency Defaced

Tokyo, Mar. 30.

Allied Headquarters today called in all American occupation money which had been defaced by the addition of political slogans both for and against presidential candidacy for General Douglas MacArthur.

The Headquarters spokesman said the slogans which have appeared on military currency recently, were "mostly pro-MacArthur."

The order specifically dealt in currency "defaced in violation of the laws with slogans, advertising matter or any other notices."

It cited defacing of currency as violation of the United States criminal code.

Colonel H. S. Ruth, General MacArthur's Fiscal Director, described the slogans as "political." He said they were both favourable and opposed to the announced Republican candidacy of the Supreme Allied Commander, but that most of them were favourable.—United Press.

Prayers For Peace

York, Mar. 30.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, in York, Minster, from destruction, and called for Easter prayers "for the peace of Jerusalem," which, he said, faced destruction in the Arab-Jewish strife.

"Most earnestly, I appeal to the United Nations to take at once the steps necessary to save Jerusalem in the United States to urge this course upon their Government," Dr. Garbett said.

Indeed, Jerusalem with its sacred places, in general ruin, then too late a cry of horror and shame will rise from Christendom, and the United Nations will have suffered a blow to its prestige and prestige, from which it will probably never recover.—Reuter.

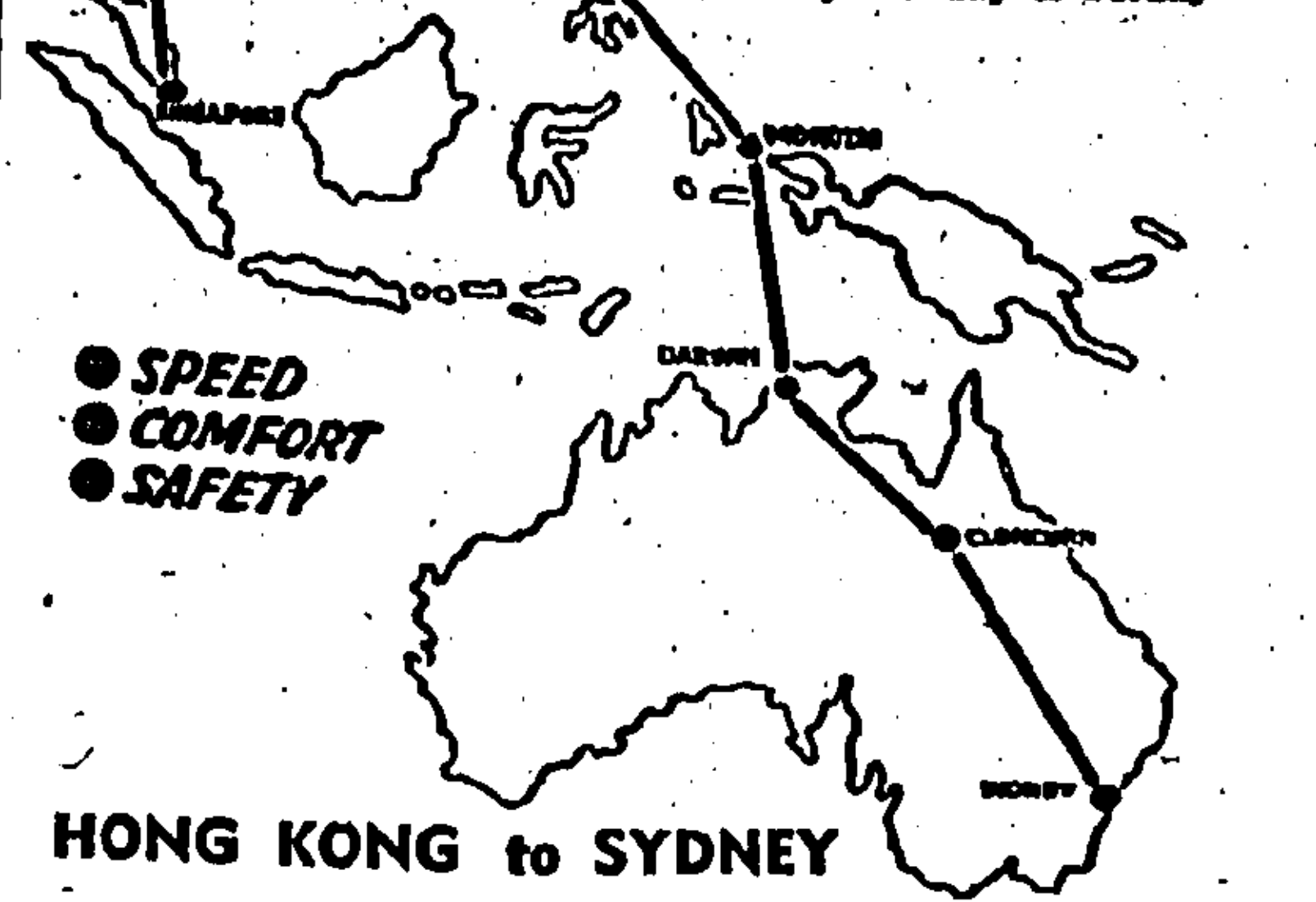
New Delhi, Mar. 29.

Negotiations have been completed between Japan and India for the exchange of 100,000 Japanese soldiers for 10,000 tons of Indian cotton goods. It was announced officially today.—Associated Press.

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Decisive Stage In Moscow

Helsinki, Mar. 30.

Reliable sources said tonight that President Juho K. Paasikivi was drafting new instructions to the Finnish delegation now negotiating in Moscow for a friendship and defence pact with Russia.

Activities here centre on about Paasikivi indicated the Moscow conference was reaching a decisive stage.

The Finnish group has been in Moscow a week for the treaty talks.

Paasikivi received his closest advisers during the day, and informed sources said Government circles reported a grave view of the current Moscow proceedings, indicating the Soviets were pressing for an out and out military pact.

No details of a Russian programme have been disclosed here, however.—Associated Press.

WHAT "BIZONIA" WILL NEED

Frankfurt, Mar. 29.

The Anglo-American authorities here today discussed what they should request for Bizonia under the Marshall Plan.

The basis for their deliberation was a detailed production, export and import budget for the year beginning April 1, worked out by the German Bizonia authorities, which put import requirements for the year at not less than \$562,500,000.

The Anglo-American officials were discussing what part of this total was to be covered by German exports and what the occupying powers would have to supply as hitherto and what could reasonably be asked for under the Marshall Plan.

The German estimate, revised after earlier discussions with the Allied Control authorities, is made up of more than \$222,500,000 worth of raw materials, more than \$222,500,000 worth of food, and about \$117,500,000 worth of finished goods.

The finished goods required include urgently needed equipment such as railway goods wagons and also consumer goods, including those wanted as incentives for miners and export workers.

RUMANIAN ELECTIONS

Bucharest, Mar. 29.

Rumania's first poll as a Republic to elect a new Constituent Assembly showed a 78 per cent majority for the Popular Democratic Front—a Government bloc of the United Workers (including the Communists), the Labourers Front, the National Popular Party and the Hungarian Popular Union.

More than 80 per cent of the 8,000,000 voters voted. In these constituencies which it contested, the Liberal Party, led by M. Petru Botez, polled about 10 per cent of the total votes. About 10 per cent of the votes were declared null and void.—Reuter.

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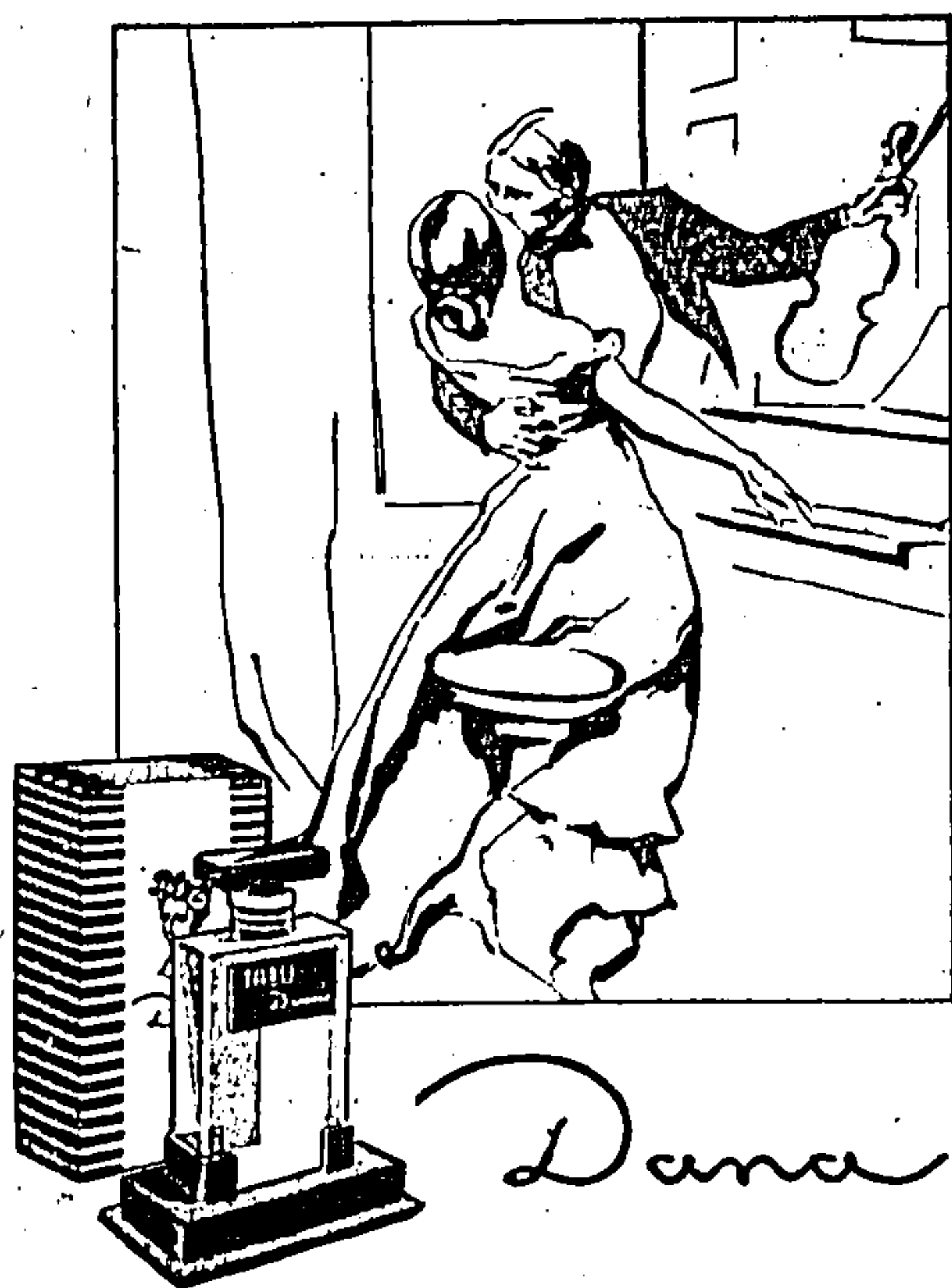
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APPEAL TO JOURNALISTS

Need For A Code Of Honour

Geneva, Mar. 29.

A strong appeal to journalists all over the world to band themselves together in defence of the ethics of their profession and draw up a journalists' code of honour was made by the Prime Minister of Mysore, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, who is leader of the Indian delegation to the Conference on the Freedom of Information, here today.

"This is not a case for government action", he told the 56-nation conference. "It is a matter for journalists themselves—for internal self-discipline."

"Let us not toss backwards and forwards the shuttlecock allegations of warmongering. If there is today an atmosphere of war, we are all, in some measure, responsible for it."

Sir Ramaswami appealed to journalists to set up a body which would have the right to censure members and expel them for actions not in accordance with journalistic ethics. "I should like to see the journalists' profession protected by a code of honour in the same way as the medical and legal professions", he added.

At Caux, when he addressed 500 delegates attending a Moral Re-armament Easter Assembly there, Sir Ramaswami said "the last world war is only just finished. The material and human gains are still there. Yet after two years, people are talking of another war."

Mr. McNeill declared: "I must say I could mirror these words by quotations from Russia, from Hungary and I fear, at the bottom of my heart, that soon, with great melancholy, I could mirror them from Czechoslovakia."

The Remedy

"Let those who attack us show me a decree from the countries of Western Europe or North America, India or Pakistan, or the British Commonwealth."

Mr. McNeill said the remedy to the Russian and Rumanian criticism of sections of the British and American press "is not the manufacture of more manacles and more chains."

"The remedy is to open the doors which are closed, to give to the trained reporter the opportunity to report, to afford the traditional newspapers the ability to publish, to take the 'radio stations' and to take the blinkers off the people."

"The remedy is not less publication but more."

He said the basic and continuing differences between the Soviet press and that of the Western democracies was that "our constant intention is to run risks rather than restrict or repress, whereas, on the other side, repression takes place ruthlessly rather than that a Soviet or Slav Government should run any risks of having its policy challenged."—Reuter.

Gandhi's Work

"What has happened to the world," he asked his listeners, "that they have so soon forgotten?" adding "The solution must be found elsewhere than in the atom bomb."

Emphasising that ways must be found for eradicating the world of mistrust between nations and nations, and particularly between race and race, Sir Ramaswami paid tribute to the work of Mahatma Gandhi who, he said, "listened for that inner voice. Gandhi brought about a revolution in the mentality of my country. But one man cannot completely revolutionise the thought of a whole nation. That is why we have experienced such tragedies, because one man, even so great a man, was not enough."

The sentiments by Sir Ramaswami were echoed by speakers from Britain, France and Germany.

British Draft

The press in the Soviet Union and the Eastern European States was compared by Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, with that in France Spain.

Mr. McNeill was presenting a draft treaty aimed at securing worldwide acceptance of British principles of freedom of expression and information to the Conference.

The British Minister quoted a press decree from General Franco which announced that, for the first time, the liberty of the press would be authentically and solemnly affirmed and proclaimed that the Spanish press could never founder into a "democratic liberalism which could foster criticism of the State."

IRAN ASKS RUSSIA TO STOP NAME-CALLING

It was revealed in Teheran on Monday night that Iran has bluntly asked Russia for an end to "bad propaganda" which is "detrimental to both countries."

In a strongly worded note to the Russian Embassy in Teheran the Iranian Government protested Russia's attitude.

The Iranian Foreign Office spoke of the continuance of "unfriendly views toward Iranian policy by individuals and quarters related to the Soviet Government."

The Iranian note specifically mentioned "baseless statements" by "Professor Steinberg... accusing Premier Hakkini of being an old enemy of the Soviet Union."

The note continued: "The Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs finds it necessary to inform

Yugoslav Complaint

Washington, Mar. 29. Yugoslavia has complained to the United States that American planes have crossed the Yugoslav border three times this year, a State Department spokesman said here today.

The Yugoslav note was "couched in mild terms," he said.—Reuter.

U.S. Tanks Sent To Russia?

Washington, Mar. 29. Congressional investigators hurried to New York today to investigate anonymous "tips" that American tanks and anti-aircraft guns have been shipped to Russia.

Mr. George Quinn, counsel for a House of Representatives investigating committee, told reporters the committee had received an unsigned letter from New York telling of the purported shipment and stating the weapons were boxed and labelled as machinery.

Mr. Quinn said: "I do not put too much stock on it, but we are not overlooking any angles on the leakage of potential war materials from this country to Russia and her satellites."

One of the tasks assigned to the investigators is to track down reports that holders of export licences have sold them for fees and that the transferred licences have been used to export mislabelled materials.—Reuter.

Nassau, Bahamas, Mar. 29. Miss Elizabeth Murphy, 17-year-old second daughter of Sir William Murphy, Governor of the Bahamas, was seriously injured, and Mr. Anthony Berry, 22-year-old son of Lord Kemsley, the British newspaper magnate, slightly injured, in a motor accident here today.—Reuter.

Big Three Confab Denied

Washington, Mar. 29. The White House today emphatically denied a report that a meeting between President Truman, Mr. Clement Attlee and Marshal Stalin was in prospect.

Officials of the White House said such reports were "fantastic."

The latest rumours of such a meeting originated in London. It was stated that President Truman had no plans to leave the United States now or in the future, and that he stands by his earlier statements that any "Big Three" meeting, if one was ever called, would have to be in Washington.

Mr. Charles G. Ross, the Presidential Press Secretary, denied a correspondent's report from Turkey that President Truman might visit that country shortly.—Reuter.

Labour MPs To Confer In Rome

Rome, Mar. 29. Two British Labour Members of Parliament, Mr. Ivor Thomas and Mr. Christopher Shawcross, arrived in Rome today to discuss with the Italian Socialists the United Europe Conference, which is being held under the chairmanship of Mr. Winston Churchill, at The Hague in May.

They are to confer with members of the Italian left wing parties to decide on the attitude that Socialists in favour of a Federal Union of Europe should adopt towards the Hague Conference.

European Socialist parties decided at their recent London conference to stay away from The Hague and to hold their own United Europe Conference in Paris in April.

The British Labour Party has, however, indicated that it will not take disciplinary action against any of its members who attend the Hague conference.—Reuter.

Pilot Had Too Much Time On His Hands

London, Mar. 29. Customs officials found more than 2,000 watches and many hundreds of English banknotes in an aircraft which landed at Lympne, Kent, after a journey from the Continent.

The pilot was questioned and a man will appear at Hythe court on Thursday, accused of smuggling and currency offences.—Reuter.

Athens, Mar. 29. Vice-Admiral Forrest Sherman, commander of the United States forces in the Mediterranean, is expected to arrive at Piraeus tomorrow on board the cruiser Rochester on a visit which will extend to April 6. Accompanying the Rochester will be the cruiser Dayton, two destroyers and the naval transport Vermilion.—Reuter.

Burma Recommended For UNO Seat

Lake Success, Mar. 29.

The Security Council's Committee on the admission of new members agreed today to recommend Burma for membership of the United Nations.

The committee agreed, without a formal vote, to report to the Council that Burma fulfilled the necessary qualifications.

The Charter requires that new member states shall be peace-loving, accept the obligations contained in the Charter and, in the opinion of the organization, be able and willing to carry out these obligations.

Ex-INA Banned From The Indian Army

London, Mar. 29. Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, announced in the Indian Parliament today that members of the former Indian National Army would now be able to take work in all the Services except in the Indian Army, New Delhi Radio reported.

Pandit Nehru said the Government decision was prompted by the fact that men had been out of touch with the Army for many years and any attempt to reintroduce them would lead to many complications. "Both practical and psychological."

They would be able to join the territorial services, the police force, the civil service, and other public services, if they were found suitable.—Reuter.

Representatives of Britain, Syria, the United States, Canada, the Soviet Union, Belgium, Ukraine and China spoke in support of Burma's admission.

Dr. Rodolfo Meriz, Argentina, reserved the position of his delegation, which had not yet received instructions.

The Argentine delegation had, he said, some objection to the present procedure for the admission of new members and reserved the right to study the question further without taking a stand now on Burma's application.

"Mistakes"

The French delegate said his delegation also had not yet received instructions, but he supported Burma's application provisionally.

The Chairman, Dr. Shu Hsiang, speaking as representative for China, said Burma had made some "mistakes" at the initial stage of the war but soon had joined the struggle for freedom and had helped the Allies by harassing the Japanese from the rear.

Burma's application was the first to be considered under the amended rules providing that any application shall contain a declaration "made in a formal instrument" that the applicant accepts the obligations contained in the Charter.

Mr. Valentines G. Lawford, for Britain, warmly supported Burma's application.—Reuter.

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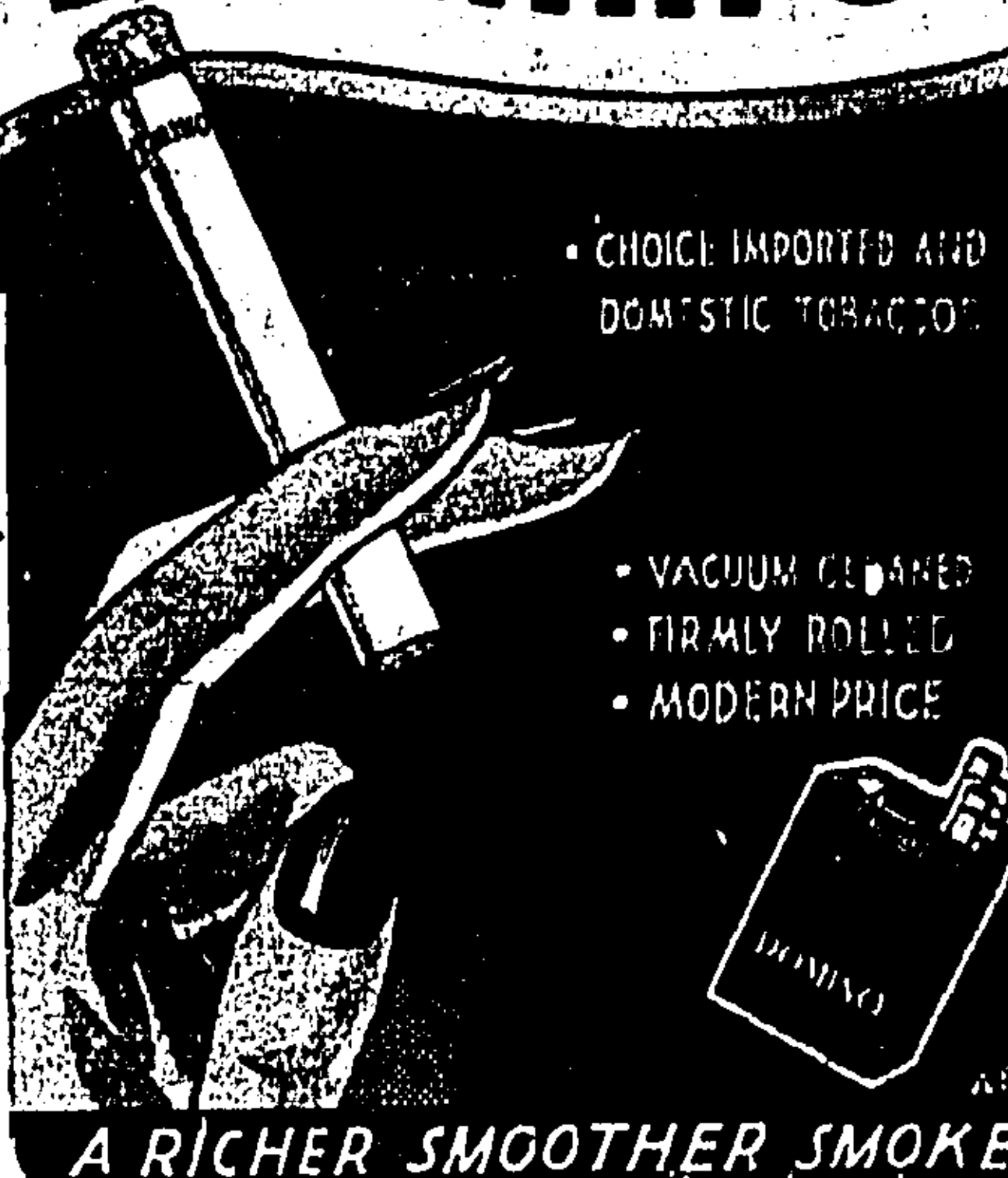
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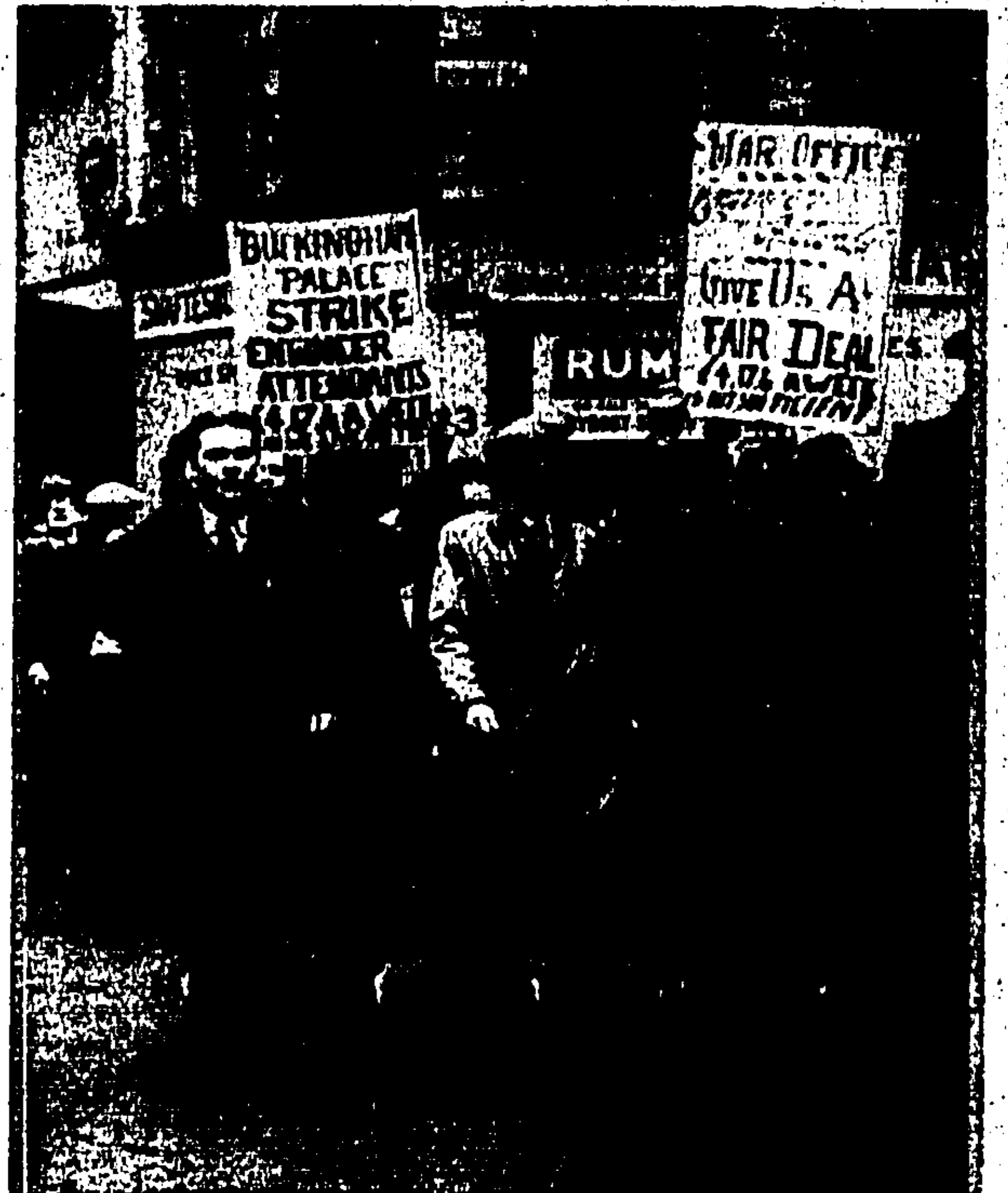


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SURPRISE FOR MOTORISTS.—This made them stop and look in London in the Victoria Embankment the other day. Actually Joyce Barlow was on ordinary patrol when the traffic lights went wrong and she stepped in to the breach. (A. P. Photo)



STRIKERS DEMONSTRATE.—Ministry of Works engineer attendants and liftmen march through Shaftesbury Avenue on March 17 to Hyde Park to draw attention to their claims. (A. P. Photo)



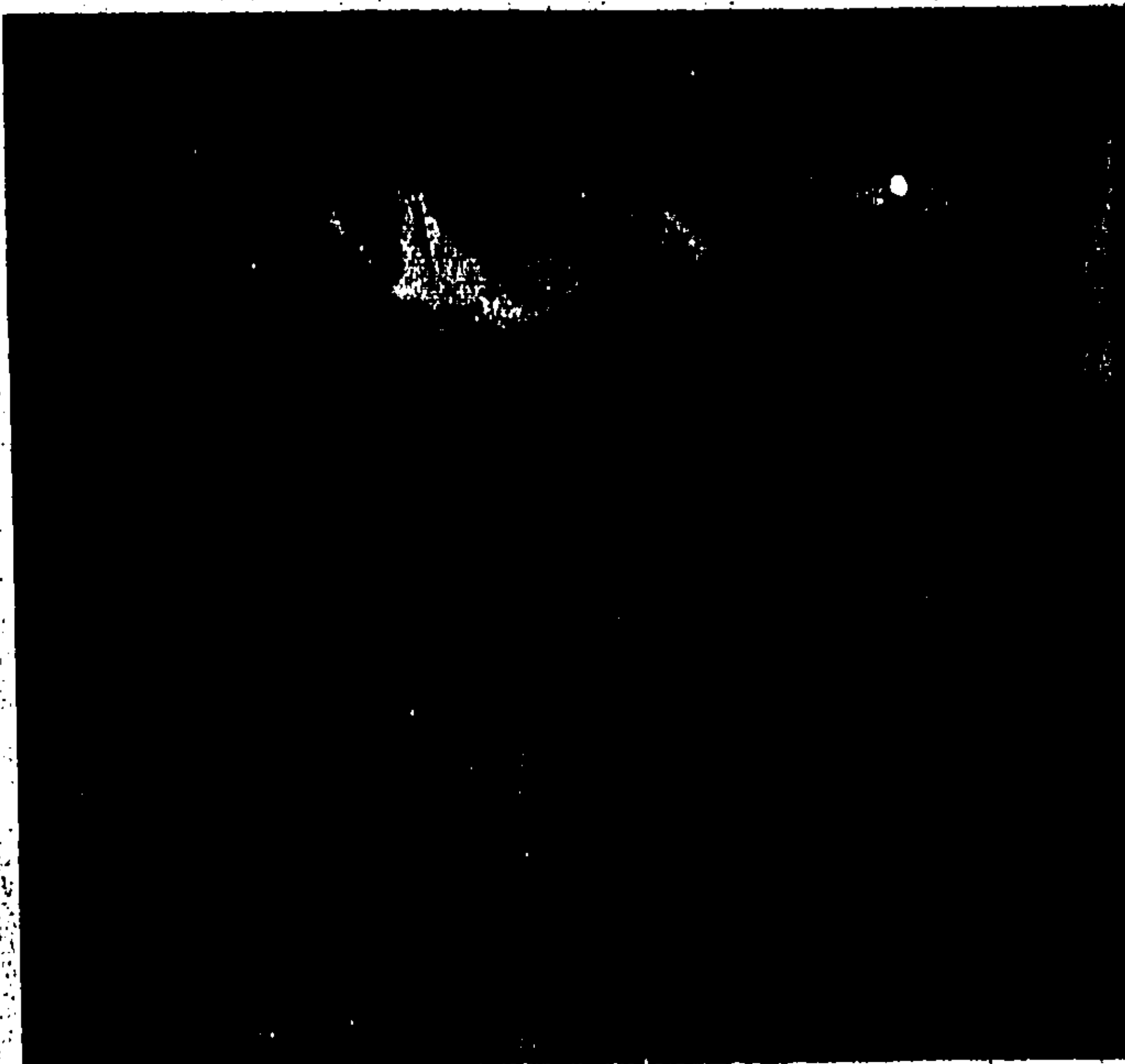
SUBMERSSION RECORD.—This Italian inventor, Pietro Vassena, about to enter a midget submarine in which he claims to have reached a depth of 760 feet. He is trying to make 1,300 feet. (A. P. Photo)

SHWE DAGON PAGODA. famed for its gold leaf spire. Lord and Countess Mountbatten are seen in the forecourt, walking in stocking feet, following the custom of removing shoes in a temple. (A. P. Photo)





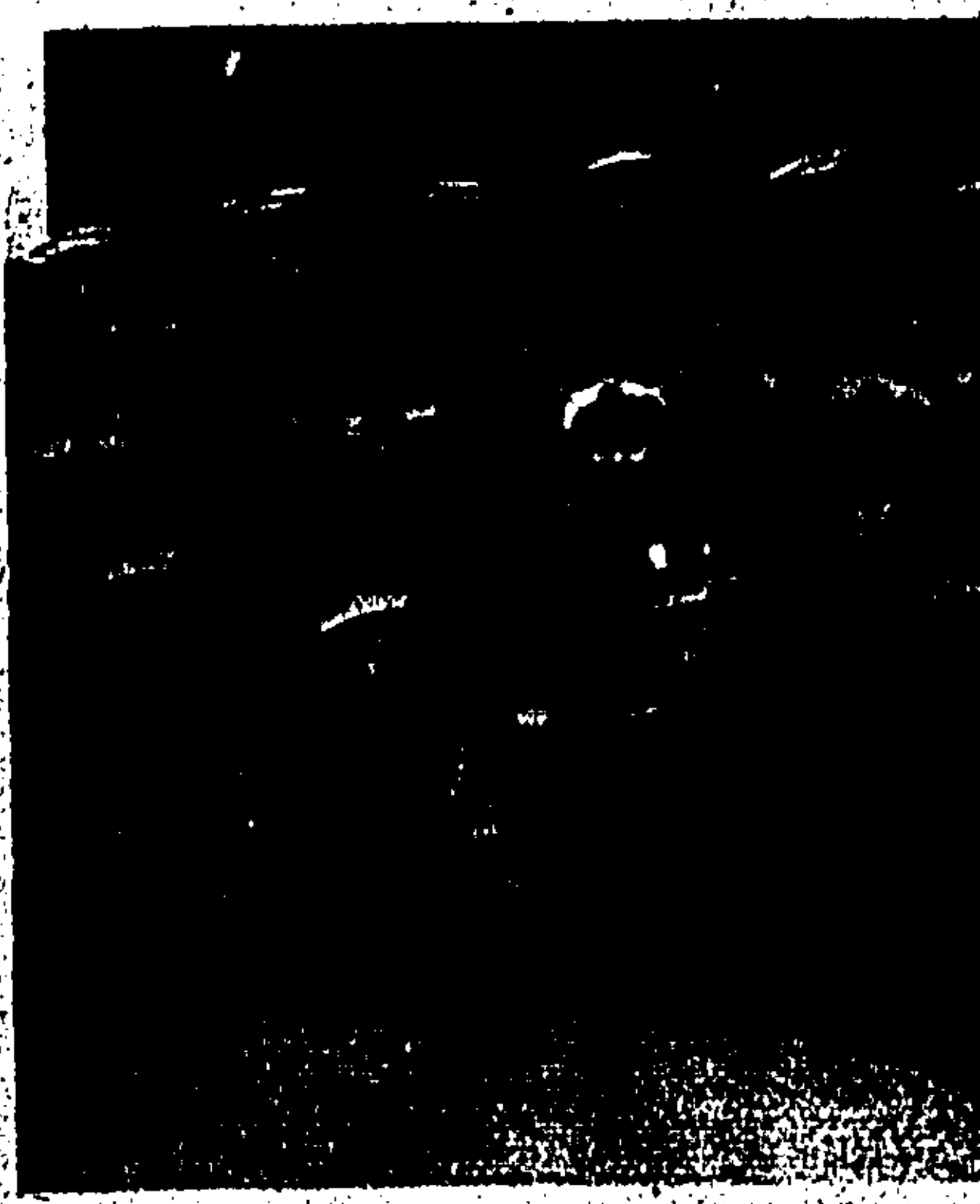
GRETA GYNT is to display British fashions in the United States in the next few weeks, and above and below are typical examples. Above she models a grey crepe moracin, trimmed and sabies, and below, a black straw hat with shaded roses. (A. P. Photos)



AUSTERITY NEW LOOK.—To achieve the New Look, the hem on one of her coats. Photo on left shows and on right, with the fourth band added.



OPENING UP.—A party given taken on the occasion of the opening of the Metropolitan Construction





JUNIOR SHIELD—Winners of the Junior Shield, South China, receiving, through their captain, the trophy from the hands of Mrs. J. Skinner, wife of the chairman of the H.M.F.A. (China Mail Photo)



WINNING SIDE—The South China Junior team which defeated the Navy 1-0, rather fortuitously, in the Junior Shield Final. (China Mail Photo)



COTTON—Picture taken at a dinner party given by Davis, Hong, in honour of Messrs. A. F. Kipsey and T. H. Alford, representing 'Cotton' in the Far East. Davis Hong are the local agents. (Mae Cheung)

SCOUTS—The 1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts Group photographed at the Seamen's Institute. (China Mail Photo)

MARRIED—Mr. Wong Cheuk-yin and Miss Lee Shu-yu at the Chun Shun Wu Christian Church recently. This photograph was taken after the ceremony. (Hainland Studio)



FILMS TO SEE IN APRIL



"DEAR MURDERER."—A grim scene from the drama-thriller showing in Hong Kong this week.



BASHFUL ROMEO.—Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo (on right) in a scene from "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty."



"SINGAPORE."—Fred MacMurray and Ava Gardner (left) get to grips in "Singapore" playing this week in Hong Kong.

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REPORT OF AIR BOMBING OF JAFFA WITHDRAWN**More Jews Killed In Arab Ambushes**

Jerusalem, Mar. 29.

The Palestine Government tonight denied its own earlier statement that a Jewish aircraft had bombed the Arab seaport of Jaffa from the air today. First reports said that three bombs landed near two schools in Jaffa, well outside the mortar range of Jewish gun positions on the borders of Tel Aviv, and that the engine of a plane was heard shortly before they fell. Tonight's Government correction said investigation had proved that the "bombs" were three-inch mortar shells. No official explanation was given for the mistake.

According to reports reaching Jerusalem earlier tonight, a Jewish aircraft was reported to have bombed Jaffa-twin city to the all-Jewish town of Tel Aviv.

The official Government announcement had said that three bombs, "thought to have been dropped by planes", landed near Freres School and the Greek Orthodox School in Jaffa early today. They caused slight damage to the buildings but no casualties were suffered.

The police stated that the engine of a plane was heard over Jaffa shortly before the "bombs" fell in a direct line in an area well outside the mortar range of Jewish positions on the borders of Tel Aviv.

A Jewish Agency spokesman in Jerusalem said he did not know anything about the air bombing, however.

British Warning

During the Arab attack on the Jewish convoy south of Bethlehem during the week-end, four Jewish aircraft had dropped a score of anti-personnel bombs on the attacking Arabs, causing three casualties.

A blunt Palestine Government warning that the British security forces in Palestine will no longer rescue Jewish convoys if they continue to disregard British instructions and are attacked by Arabs was issued here today.

The announcement added that the rescue of the majority of the Jews, ambushed over the week-end, was the direct result of the combined efforts of the Administration, the police and the Army in protracted negotiations with the Arab commanders.

A British announcement said the convoy left Jerusalem without notifying the authorities of its arrangements. When the officer commanding the Second Infantry Brigade warned the convoy on its return journey that the road had been heavily blocked by Arabs and that it should return to the settlement of Kfar Etzion, his warning was ignored.

Britons Freed

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Army in protracted negotiations with the Arab commanders.

Two British officers were freed today after being held captive for nearly 24 hours by armed Jews who had stolen their Army scout car near Benjamina, in Northern Palestine.

A British police sergeant and three British soldiers were seriously wounded and two other British soldiers slightly wounded by Arab snipers in Haifa last night, it was officially reported.

"Unless appropriate steps" are taken, the Christian holy places in Jerusalem may not be in existence next year, a Jewish Agency spokesman said here today.

Truce Plan?

Welcoming the appeal by Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, for peace in Jerusalem, the spokesman said the Jewish Agency would consider any positive reaction on the subject of a truce in Jerusalem from any representative Arab source so long as they could absolutely rely on that source.

The responsibility for any proposals regarding Jerusalem rested with the United Nations, the spokesman added.

Dr. Hussein Khalidi, Secretary of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, said here today: "If any danger exists at all to the sacred places in Jerusalem, it comes from Zionist aggression."

Dr. Garbett, he said, could rest assured that the Arabs would shed their blood in the defence of Christian, Moslem and Jewish holy places. He added the Archbishop should direct a warning to supporters of Jewish terrorism who "initiated the bombing of buildings over the heads of innocent people."

Jews Killed

Six Jews and a Jewess were killed when their armoured car was blown up during an attack on an Arab village in the area of Lydda, the international airport.

A group of 737 Jewish illegal immigrants into Palestine left Haifa for Cyprus on board the ferry ship Empire Rival. They had been brought into harbour in the Yehiam a single-masted schooner with an auxiliary engine, intercepted by the Royal Navy yesterday 65 kilometres off Palestine.—Reuter.

U.S. Navy Orders Jet Planes

Burbank, Calif., Mar. 29.

The United States Navy has placed a \$5,000,000 order with the Lockheed Aircraft Company for 50 jet aircraft of the type P-80, the company announced here today.

This follows the Navy's disclosure that it plans to build up its own force of carrier-based jet aircraft—Reuter.

God Is His Counsel

Boston, Mass., Mar. 29.

Mr. Robert H. Best, 51-year-old American, acted as his own lawyer, maintaining "God is my counsel", when his trial on treason charges began in the Federal Court here today.

Best, a former journalist born in South Carolina, was accused of war-time broadcasts for the Nazis. He lived for 20 years in Vienna.

Eight voluntary witnesses from Germany and Austria flew to the United States earlier this month to testify at the trial.

The maximum penalty for treason is death and the minimum five years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.—Reuter.

Koreans Digging Trenches

Seoul, Mar. 29.

Koreans in the Soviet Zone were today seen "digging in" along the border between the Soviet and United States Zones of Korea.

Only 2,500 yards from Nan Sam Ni, an American outpost which is 45 miles from Seoul, 50 Koreans were seen working in shifts to complete trenches overlooking the border.

This is only one link in the network of trenches, gun-emplacements and foxholes reported being dug along the border with in sight of the American Zone.

All work along the zone frontier began at the same time. It is not thought, however, that the North Koreans are seriously preparing a line of defence as all the work is carried on quite openly.

The Korean labourers work at the trenches dressed in white and are visible from across the border.—Reuter.

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WAR CLOUDS GATHERED MORE DENSELY

London, Mar. 30.

The Yorkshire Post in its editorial today says that "as the sands run out and the termination of the British mandate in Palestine draws nearer, the clouds of war are visibly gathered more densely on the horizon."

"It cannot be said," the paper declared, "that American statesmanship has done anything during the last few days to throw a gleam of hope across the picture. President Truman's Good Friday statement in particular must be written down as calculated merely to make confusion worse confounded."

Commenting on the Jewish threat to set up a national state on the day following the termination of the mandate, the Yorkshire Post said: "There can be no hope of a settlement on these lines. Such statements serve only to declare the two contestants' resolve to fight to the bitter end, and which will assuredly be bitter for both."

Two Conditions

"Two conditions must be fulfilled if there is to be any hope, however slight, of better things."

"One is to establish a truce unhampered by conditions of a kind calculated to wreck it before it begins. The other is that the United States provides itself ready not merely to send a token force to keep the peace, but an action would demonstrate preparedness to do something more than tender advice which in the past has been bestowed on the mandatory power so abundantly and, upon occasion, with such an absence of tact."

"We have urged before that the peace can be kept only by force which is manifestly impossible to resist. Such a force the United States alone can supply. The best lead it can give to every member of the United Nations is to show that it is willing to play a part consistent with its position as the strongest of the great powers."—Associated Press.

U.S. Delegation To Urge Truce

Lake Success, Mar. 29.

The American delegation to the United Nations has been instructed to press in the immediate future for a truce in Palestine and a special session of the General Assembly, a delegation spokesman said here today.

No decision had been taken on the submission to the Security Council of the American proposal for trusteeship, he added. This was taken as indicating that the United States might not bring the trusteeship plan before the Security Council, but might wait until the Assembly was called.

The United States was stated here to be ready to submit to the Security Council tomorrow two resolutions—one containing President Truman's call for a truce and the other calling for a special Assembly session. The report that Britain might decide to stay on in Palestine was reiterated today by the pro-Zionist newspaper, the New York Post.

In a despatch from Lake Success, it said that if the Jewish Agency failed to yield to "pressure" to accept something less than partition, "some new drastic American or British move may be expected."

"The war of nerves already is pointing in that direction. Reports continue that American troops may be committed to help enforce a temporary trusteeship of the Holy Land. The British, moreover, are letting it be known that they might consider staying on if the Jews and Arabs reach a truce"—Reuter.

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The following matters came under discussion: Education Department Estimates, 1948/49. Building Programme. Report of a sub-committee on the modification of examination syllabuses to meet the special needs of girls. Report of a sub-committee regarding the provision, where such did not exist, of textbooks suitable for Hong Kong. Numbers in attendance in Hong Kong schools and provision for primary education.

GREEK TOBACCO
Athens, Mar. 29.
Military Government representatives from the combined British and American Zones of Germany arrived here today to buy £625,000 worth of Greek tobacco.

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